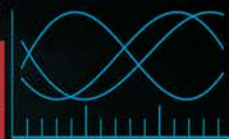




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LMP TPF PILOT PROGRAM **A SUCCESS** **AT FORT BLISS**

By Ms. Christine McMahon, Communications, LMP



(l. to r.) Mr. Frank Obasohan, CSRA developer, Mr. Chayan Mukherjee, LMP Solution Architect, and CPT Maureen Minder, Assistant Product Manager pose with the M88 after the package "hand off" was completed from LMP to GCSS-Army.

In June 2016, the Logistics Modernization Program (LMP) and ASA(ALT) completed the Total Package Fielding (TPF) pilot program at Fort Bliss, Texas. The program handed off M88 recovery vehicles from LMP to Global Combat Support System – Army (GCSS-Army) using the LMP TPF distribution process. The M88 recovery vehicle is used in the field to help recover heavy armored vehicles to return for repair, maintenance or decommissioning. Project Director Main Battle Tank Systems (PD MBTS) in PEO Ground Combat Systems (GCS) will use TPF to package and hand off M88s and related items from fielding locations across the country to support its divisions around the world. TPF will be used across 10 PEOs within ASA(ALT) to package fielded items together and then manage and track those packages and related inventory in LMP and GCSS-Army. The pilot at Fort Bliss is representative of how a majority of PEOs will use the TPF solution.

For the pilot, PD MBTS completed the transition of M88s from Fort Bliss to the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division (2-1AD). PEO GCS logged into LMP and completed transactions, including entering M88 inventory into LMP, packaging it and directing it where to go in order for the package to sync with GCSS-Army. Then, the 2-1AD team logged into GCSS-Army and executed steps to receive the materials in their system. The successful pilot demonstrates the LMP TPF capabilities that minimize the workload associated with fielding new systems and equipment. LMP TPF helps the materiel developer and fielding command determine all requirements up front, fund and requisition nearly all needed items, consolidate support items into unit-level packages and coordinate the distribution of the major system, its associated support items of equipment and support packages to a central staging site or to the gaining unit itself. The TPF solution links national-level logistics items for tactical-level use and back again to ensure timely and accurate tracking of material around the world.



MS. NICKI WILSON NAMED **FCW RISING STAR**

By Mr. Billy Cody, CHES Public Affairs



Ms. Wilson was honored along with 29 others at the Government Computer News DigIT Awards Gala on Oct. 13.

Federal Computer Week (FCW) recently named Ms. Nicki Wilson as a 2016 Rising Star. FCW annually recognizes individuals who are early in their federal IT careers and already having an outsized impact. Ms. Wilson serves in Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions (CHES) as a management analyst and contracting officer's representative (COR), managing a range of hardware and software contracts valued at over \$15 billion and supporting a customer base of over 17,000. She served as the COR for the highly successful ITES-2H program and spearheaded the self-audit agreement that saved the Army over \$18 million in maintenance and new license costs.

Of the 30 honorees, Ms. Wilson was the only Army employee selected for the distinguished award, open to individuals working in federal IT including military, civilian, contractor and industry. "Nicki does an amazing job at CHES and has earned this recognition," said Mr. Doug Haskin, product lead, CHES. "She has my thanks for her professionalism and the support she provides the Army. In the short time I've been at CHES, I can see that Nicki is truly a rising star, and I am confident that she will certainly continue to be recognized through her career." This year's Rising Stars were honored at the Government Computer News Dig IT Awards gala on Oct. 13.



USARPAC MCF **RAPIDLY PROGRESSING**

By Ms. Rosalie Fehrmann, Strategic Communications Specialist, P2E

Power Projection Enablers (P2E) has a global presence responsible for acquiring and implementing enterprise-wide information technology capabilities supporting deployed forces. One of its latest projects is the installation of command, control, communications, computers and intelligence infrastructure at the U.S. Army Pacific Command's (USARPAC) Mission Command Facility (MCF) on Fort Shafter, Hawaii. The three phase plan will increase the operational capability for USARPAC headquarters and support the Joint Information Environment (JIE), a current major effort to standardize network services across the DOD.

USARPAC headquarters is currently operating in buildings built in 1944 that are structurally failing and require constant additional resources to maintain functionality. It is crucial that USARPAC move to a permanent location that can support the capabilities needed for mission success. "P2E is proud to partner with our USARPAC stakeholders on this MCF project. We are looking forward to delivering this game-changing capability within cost, schedule and performance parameters with the most up-to-date technology feasible," said LTC Gregory Soulé, product manager, P2E.

Over the past year, P2E began the first phase of installations. This includes engineering, furnishing, installing, securing, testing and training (EIFST&T) for a turnkey inside plant solution to support local area network, campus area network and visual information system interconnectivity throughout the new MCF. Upon completion of phase one in December, all subsystems such as video teleconferencing, briefing and display and audio/video will meet the requirements of the performance work statement. Construction is also currently underway for the second group of MCF buildings which will house the primary hub for the U.S. military operations in the Pacific theater. Phase two of P2E's efforts will require EIFST&T for the unclassified and classified data, voice and visual information system infrastructure for over 300 personnel. Phase two is on schedule to be awarded in December.

The final phase will house the command group and operations centers. Each will require EIFST&T for unclassified and classified data, and voice and visual information system infrastructure. At completion, the MCF will provide an environment conducive for the USARPAC 4-star headquarters to host flag-level and diplomatic visits from partner nations in the Asian-Pacific region. Soldiers and other DOD personnel will have the power to connect to vital information resources from any device, at any time, from anywhere in the world. "These projects are made possible through deliberate and constant collaboration between P2E, USARPAC stakeholders and industry partners teaming on project execution," said LTC Soulé. The new MCF will enhance the capabilities to address unique mission area and component requirements, refine and better focus the activities, rules, functions and services used to achieve the JIE capabilities and increase the level of detail and analysis to further support IT investment decision making and solution development for the JIE.



IMPROVEMENTS COMING SOON FOR AKO SINGLE SIGN-ON

By Mr. James Lindsey, Chief, Operations Division, EC2M

Established one year ago, the Technical Management Division (TMD) of Enterprise Content Collaboration and Messaging (EC2M) was created to manage improvements and upgrades to existing Army technologies to ensure that they meet future Army requirements. With functional proponent buy-in from the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6, the first item to be upgraded is the technical architecture behind Army Knowledge Online (AKO)'s single sign-on (SSO) service, which manages access to secure Army sites by verifying a user's identity and permissions. AKO provides a secure enterprise suite of collaboration, communication and identity management services to the Army. Its worldwide intranet services include a single enterprise web portal, SSO services, Army-wide directory services, organizational and personal file storage, business process management and search. "AKO is not going away, so enhancements are being made to make it more efficient and cost-effective. TMD's initial efforts focus on enhancing AKO and its ancillary services," said Mr. Sergio Alvarez, product lead, EC2M.

To ensure quality control and a smooth transition, TMD is in constant communication with all stakeholders, including the more than 600 Army applications that rely on AKO SSO. There will be no degradation or cessation of the SSO service during the transition. Once complete, the system will be called the Enterprise Access Management Service – Army (EAMS-A). "The migration from AKO SSO to EAMS-A is occurring in stages. We expect to have all applications migrated by mid-2017. EAMS-A will improve reliability and enhance performance while providing cost savings to the Army," said MAJ John J. Pretz, technical director, EC2M. Beta testing of EAMS-A is currently underway and will continue through the fall. Once complete, TMD will publish technical details, best practices and instructional documentation.

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COL Matt Russell, project manager, General Fund Enterprise Business System, (right) replaces MAJ Ivan Tapia's rank from Captain to Major during a promotion ceremony on Oct. 7. MAJ Tapia's wife, Ms. Jennifer Tapia-Hall (left), and their three children also assisted in the service.



Mr. Joe Christadore (left) and Ms. Adele Jones (right) add toppings to their bowls of chili during the 3rd Annual General Fund Enterprise Business Systems (GFEBS) Chili Cook-Off, which took place after the program's quarterly town hall meeting on Oct. 13. Twelve contestants entered their recipes to compete in three categories, Hottest, Tastiest and Colonel's Choice. The judging criteria ranged from aroma and color to flavor and heat. In the end, Mr. James Conway from GFEBS Increment I won the Hottest chili category, Ms. Tina Cox from the Business Management Division won Tastiest and Mr. Mark Scheiffley from GFEBS Increment I took Colonel's Choice.

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RCAS LEADS THE WAY WITH AGILE SOLUTIONS FOR DOD

By Mr. Robert G. Medley, Public Affairs Officer, RCAS

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) is promoting the Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS) Agile Solution Factory (ASF) as an experienced-based best practice across the DOD. The RCAS ASF is a new approach and framework that leverages design by contract and the narrow set of solution patterns. The ASF establishes a customized, reusable application platform infrastructure to support an automated Agile requirement, modernization, delivery and evolution process. Over the summer, members of DAU's Foundational Learning Directorate and capital and northeast region met with members of the RCAS program to examine four specific areas of the RCAS ASF, the RCAS Agile transformation approach, including the RCAS Innovation Engine; implementing Agile at an enterprise scale, including optimizing Agile; integrating information assurance across the Agile life cycle and implementing earned value management within Agile. DAU is working with DOD on advancing Agile in government and has advertised RCAS's work as a prime example of Agile transformation.

At the meeting, Mr. Robert Reid, senior program director for the RCAS integrator, explained that within 45 days, RCAS successfully transitioned from a waterfall methodology, a non-sequential process in which progress is seen as flowing steadily downwards, to an Agile methodology, in which requirements and solutions evolve through a collaborative effort of self-organized cross-functional teams, called scrum teams. As they began to implement automation, including test automation and continuous integration, the RCAS ASF began performing optimally within the first six months. The Agile approach focuses on quick and responsive software development designed to optimize the use and effectiveness of the RCAS suite of applications for Soldiers. The implementation of Agile is having far-reaching effects across the Army National Guard and Army Reserve by enabling RCAS to release a high-quality products and services more frequently to better meet stakeholders' requirements.

DAU looked at the RCAS ASF model to see how other programs can use the Agile approach to shape their future in a more effective and efficient manner. The key to RCAS's success is transparency with stakeholders and a trusting relationship with its contractors. RCAS's Agile management tool, VersionOne, provides a single, user-friendly system for planning and tracking all of the ongoing implementation initiatives, sprints, user stories, defects, tasks, tests and issues. Being able to responsibly empower teams and create high trust/quality delivery environments has yielded significant benefits for RCAS as software is released every quarter to accommodate ever-changing operating environments that demand innovative, adaptable information technology solutions. It also allows developers to satisfy key requirements through close collaboration with end users.

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P2E ADOPTS AGILE PRINCIPLES TO GREAT RESULT

By Mr. James Christopher Woodis, Senior Acquisition Engineering Consultant, P2E

Power Projection Enablers (P2E) manages a global portfolio as a critical part of the Army's initiative to transform its IT enterprise into a single, cohesive force deployment enabler. P2E uses a collection of contracting solutions and there are several factors centered on meeting strict deadlines in a fluid environment to ensure the program's success. This can be challenging and, for that reason, P2E explored options for improving the acquisition life cycle, ultimately deciding on applying the principals of Agile methodology. Since implementing Agile, P2E has achieved more efficient, streamlined, scalable and repeatable processes in contracting resulting in a faster delivery of the capability to the Soldier.

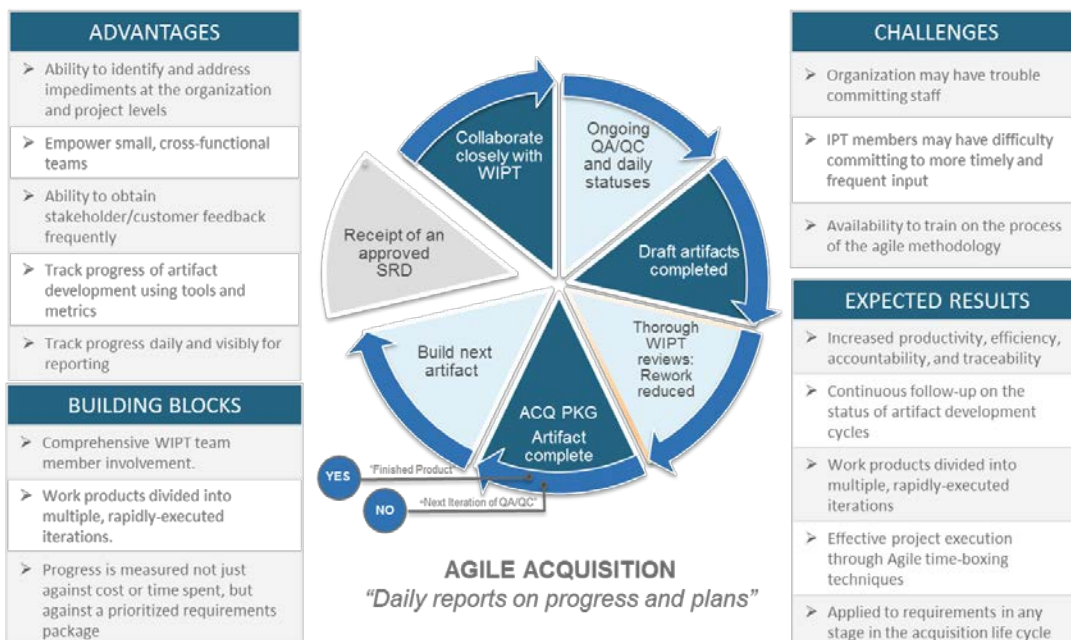
P2E's willingness and flexibility to apply Agile principles to contracting has created growth across process integrity, increased quality and contracting throughput, and made significant improvements to business processes. Agile has optimized P2E's business processes which has yielded a 45 percent improvement in acquisition cycle times for submitting acquisition requirements packages to contracting centers and streamlining submissions from 12 to 14 weeks down to six

to seven weeks.

The Agile approach has not only increased the speed of developing acquisition requirements packages, but has also provided leadership with substantial benefits in meeting annual objectives. In fiscal year 2016, P2E executed in excess of \$120 million in network, information and infrastructure modernization contracts — an increase of \$20 million due to the implementation of the Agile process. Using Agile for future planning will posture P2E to execute in excess of \$148 million during the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2017. Agile has increased P2E's efficiency and contracting throughput, which has given contracting centers the required time to route acquisition packages, solicit to industry and award promptly to meet P2E's operational needs. Accordingly, the Agile model has created operational efficiencies and sustainable mission success where Soldiers, commands and supporting organizations receive their turn-key solution that enables information dominance across all phases of joint and coalition forces.

AGILE ACQUISITION MODEL

ADVANTAGES -- CHALLENGES -- BUILDING BLOCKS -- EXPECTED RESULTS



TAO DIVISION CHIEF **RETIREES**

By Ms. Sharon Kollman, Management Services Specialist, TAO



Ms. Jamie Kiser

On Sept. 28, the Technology Applications Office (TAO) celebrated the retirement of Ms. Jamie L. Kiser, chief of the technical contracting division. At her retirement luncheon, friends, family and colleagues gathered to commemorate Ms. Kiser's nearly 37 year career. From November 2005 until her retirement in September, Ms.

Kiser worked as the supervisory

contract specialist in TAO, where she managed and supervised all phases of acquisition planning and contract management functions involved in the complex, diverse and specialized aspects of Army secure environment contracting supporting

the DOD and Army special programs and sensitive activities. Mrs. Kiser led a team in providing rapid mission-critical communications-electronics solutions to the DOD's highest priority Soldiers. Her distinguished accomplishments reflect great credit upon herself, her units of assignment and the U.S. Army.

Upon her retirement, Ms. Kiser was presented with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award signed by Hon. Katharina McFarland, ASA(ALT), which is the second highest award for civilian employees. She was also presented with a U.S. flag that was flown over the Pentagon, a certificate of appreciation from Mr. John Swart, product lead, TAO, and a certificate of retirement signed by the PEO, Ms. Terry Watson.

Congratulations Jamie!

OPENING THE GATEWAY TO SOLDIERS

By Mr. Patrick Seybold, Assistant Product Manager, Baseband Systems, WESS

Wideband Enterprise Satellite Systems (WESS) has initiated the Soldier Entry Gateway (SEGWAY) to support modernization, interoperability and a reduced footprint in hardware in the Army Enterprise Gateways, a collection of Satellite Communications (SATCOM) facilities. SEGWAY minimizes reliance on commercially-operated communication networks to ensure that the Army Enterprise Gateways are available to meet customer communication needs and reduce operating costs.

The commercially based Defense Communication Network (DCN) requires the use of iDirect brand modems. To ensure user interoperability, WESS upgraded its modem architecture to iDirect, which supports the commercial-based terminals at the Army Enterprise Gateways. The SEGWAY project mostly supports Army units and others who have non-Warfighter Information Network – Tactical satellite terminals, which opens the Gateways to the plethora of small satellite terminals as most have iDirect modems. Importantly, this effort supports a convergence between the Combat Service Support Very Small Aperture Terminals (CSS VSAT) and existing military hubs, reducing costs associated with leasing commercial

networks which will occur when the Army executive order for transport convergence is published.

By installing iDirect modems in the Army Enterprise Gateways, the Army will realize an estimated annual savings of 40 percent over the existing costs of maintaining a commercial network. The SEGWAY effort will also support future transition of CSS VSAT and other commercial based networks onto the Wideband Global STACOM constellation. This will allow users to land traffic on military hubs which can then be backhauled to the Defense Information System Network. Making the military hubs the entry point for the DCN users ensures their communication traffic is within the military information assurance boundary and will increase overall security of traffic.

PEO EIS **RUNS** THE ARMY TEN-MILER

By Mr. Jerry Warden, Communications, CHES, and Mr. Scott Sunsvold, Communications, I3MP



On Oct. 9, three teams from PEO EIS completed in the 32nd Annual Army Ten-Miler held in Washington, D.C. The teams, representing Enterprise Services (ES), Computer Hardware, Enterprise Services and Solutions (CHES), Enterprise Content Collaboration Messaging (EC2M) and the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP), ran in the second largest 10 mile race in the United States. The Army Ten-Miler is held each year to promote the Army, build esprit de corps, support Army fitness goals and enhance community relations.

Participants from I3MP, dubbing themselves “Team Low Speed, High Drag,” consisted of product lead LTC Gus Muller, MAJ Aleyzer Mora and Ms. Sheila Ollison, along with LTC Muller’s two sons. After the race, LTC Muller commented, “The Army Ten Miler is good, healthy fun. It’s a worthwhile experience that I’m happy to share with my sons and my I3MP family.” The other two teams included Mr. Thomas Neff, project director, ES, Mr. Sergio Alvarez, product lead, EC2M, Mr. Chris Grant, Mr. Shaun Schwartz, Mr. Wayne Sok, Mr. Minh Thai, Mr. Steve Bugbee and Mr. Keith Copeland from CHES, and Mr. Victor Hernandez, director, project management.

Congratulations to all who participated in this year’s race!



Ms. Sheila Ollison



LTC Muller (right) and his sons.



Back row (L to R): Mr. Jerry Warden, Mr. Shaun Swart and Mr. Steve Bugbee. Middle Row (L to R): Mr. Tom Neff, Mr. Minh Thai and Mr. Keith Copeland. Front Row: Mr. Wayne Sok.



MAJ Aleyzer Mora